

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests that the foregoing amendments be made prior to examination of the present application. Claims 1-20 are pending in the present application. Claims 9 and 17-19 and paragraph [0054] of the Specification have been amended. Accordingly, Claims 1-20 remain pending in the present application. No new matter has been added.

The Title of the Application has been amended for clarity.

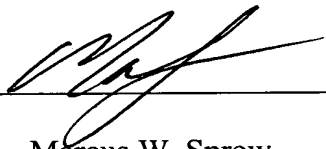
Paragraph [0054] of the present application has been amended to include an indication that conformal layer 62 is grown by selective epitaxial growth. Support for this amendment may be found, for example, in paragraph [0026] of the present application.

Claims 9 and 17 have been amended to include a selective epitaxial growth step, and Claims 18-19 have been amended to more clearly recite the subject matter recited therein.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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